



Commission of Food Security, Heritage, and Economy

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 8a.m.– 9:30a.m.
1st Floor Conference Room,
Office of the Attorney, Tucson City Hall
255 W. Alameda St., Tucson, Arizona 85726

MINUTES

Approved by the Commission 11/18/2015

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:05a.m.

Members of the commission stated their names and affiliations.

Mayor Rothschild thanked the commission members for their service. He talked about the importance of their advisory role, particularly as a commission of professionals who are actively working on these issues, and the importance of members attending council meetings when relevant issues come before the city council.

Attendance was as follows:

Present:

Sam Alboy
Erika Mitnik-White
Kris Vrolijk
Robert Ojeda
Kara Jones
Cie'na Schaepli
Maribel Alvarez
Chet Phillips
Gary P. Nabhan
Jesus Garcia
Douglas Taren
Daniel McDonald
David Ludwig

Absent:

Kelly Watters
Debbie Winegarten
Dora Martinez
Vanessa Bechtol

Staff Present:

Lisa Markkula (for Ryan Anderson), Secretary

Representing:

Local First Arizona
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Community Food Bank of S. AZ
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Pima County Food Alliance
Southwest Folklife Alliance
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Native Seeds/SEARCH
Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum
UA College of Public Health
UA College of Ag and Life Sciences
Pima County Health Dept.

Representing:

Pima County Food Alliance
Community Food Bank of S. AZ
Pima County Food Alliance
Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance

Mayor's Office

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Action: Sam Alboy moved to approve the minutes. Doug Taren seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Presentation from City of Tucson Planning and Development Services**

Jim Mazzocco and Carolyn Laurie gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding Planning and Development Services work on zoning changes related to urban agriculture (copy attached). They discussed the history of the draft changes and the public meetings and public input that had gone into the different drafts. From the input they'd received, it appeared the current draft enjoyed widespread support, with a much smaller group in opposition.

PDS is working on getting the proposed changes onto its webpage (<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/sustainable-code-project-0>) and expects the issue to come before Mayor and Council at the December 8th meeting.

In their approach, PDS stressed that they were not trying to prohibit activities that were not causing problems. Instead, they were working to be permissive rather than restrictive.

There was discussion regarding:

- Sales from community gardens: limit of 4 times a year if advertised citywide; otherwise no limit. PDS is trying not to get in the way of neighbor-to-neighbor produce sales.
- Approved source: As long as produce is not packaged or cut, it can be sold to the public. Discussion as to who has the burden – buyer or seller – for buyers required to buy from an approved source. The PDS webpage may be able to offer this information.
- Nonprofit vs. for profit community garden: PDS is not trying to get at this distinction with their proposed changes.
- Slaughter: Could not find anything in city code relating to slaughter.

Action: Cie'na Schaepli moved to support the proposed urban agriculture code changes. Gary Nabhan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gary Nabhan suggested that the commission write a letter in support of the changes. Sam Alboy agreed to work on this and will send a draft to Ryan Anderson before the next meeting.

4. **Presentation from Office of Integrated Planning**

Jonathan Mabry presented regarding the city's application to become a UNESCO Creative Cities Network City of Gastronomy. He gave the history of city's application; that we came close last year and were encouraged to reapply and that no city had received the designation on its first attempt. The City of Tucson submitted a joint application with the University of Arizona in July and we will hear December 11, 2015 if we received the designation. Currently, there are eight cities of gastronomy in the world; none are in North America.

There was discussion regarding:

- UNESCO's suggested changes to the application: Primarily regarding how we'd do exchanges with other cities if we received the designation – not just Cities of Gastronomy, but also other Creative Cities Network cities. Also added more statistics.
- Save the dates: Creative Cities Network events.

- UA activities: Looking at a food justice innovation center, not yet announced.
- Administration of designation: UA College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, possibly through a new center, would serve as the management entity, possibly with CFSHE serving as an advisory body, as well as the Mayor's Office and OIP serving as primary city contacts; Edible Baja serving as media partner.
- CFSHE's responsibilities as advisory body: would mostly consist of the management entity seeking CFSHE input.

Action: Douglas Taren moved that CFSHE serve as an advisory body in the event Tucson is designated a City of Gastronomy. Chet Phillips seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Future Agenda Items/Committee Business

- Local First present economic information. Erika Mitnik-White said she could look at bringing speakers in.
- Learning about city vending machines providing healthy, locally-sourced food, with possible implications for other regional governments. Would want to know how much food the city is using via vending, events, etc.
- Looking at agenda items that are information/education for the commission and what are action items for the commission. What would the commission need to learn in order to identify potential action items and what expertise did they already have? Members committed to share a paragraph about their organization's scope of work and expertise at the next meeting.
- Suggested that CFSHE oppose lifting the borderlands landfill use cap.
- Suggested process for putting matters on the agenda – the commission could throw out ideas but give the chair and Ryan Anderson discretion to add or subtract from the agenda (subject to open meeting law deadlines).

Action: Douglas Taren moved that CFSHE serve as an advisory body in the event Tucson is designated a City of Gastronomy. Chet Phillips seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Gary Nabhan moved that, two weeks prior to the next meeting members submit agenda items to the chair and Ryan Anderson but that they have discretion to prioritize and postpone. Kris Vrolijk seconded. A friendly amendment to have the members vote at the beginning of the meeting regarding the agenda (subject to open meeting law deadlines) was made and accepted and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Announcements

Action: Next meeting was set for Wednesday, November 18 at 8:00 a.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

7. Call to the Audience

None.

8. Adjournment

The 9:38 a.m. meeting adjourned.